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# The Arts Leaguer

## President's Palette

Dear Members,

A year ago I wrote my first President's Palette, and I must admit it has not become easier. My sincerest thanks to each of you for making 2008 such a wonderful and successful year.

As The Arts League begins its new year and as the liaison to ARTSNET, I would like to remind you of our purpose. The purpose of The Arts league is to act as a supportive arm of ARTSNET. The League provides volunteer services and fund raising activities for the member organization of ARTSNET that qualify under the Internal Revenue Code (501)(c)(3). Such qualifying organizations are in the fields of music, drama, dance, visual arts and humanities. **As a result of the Arts League's supportive measures over the past 11 years, ARTSNET has been the beneficiary of over \$400,000.**

To ensure our continued success, we need your support for the Spring Garden Party and our Shining Stars Gala Luncheon in October. More information on these two programs will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your 2009 Board is comprised of very experienced, imaginative and dedicated ladies who are already hard at work planning an exciting agenda for the coming year. Here is just a little preview of what is planned for our members this year:

- ❖ **Sharon Mayes**, 1<sup>st</sup> VP" Ways and Means, and the 2009 Shining Stars Award Luncheon Chair, already has many interesting plans and surprises for the VIP Reception and the Luncheon;
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's" Program Co-Chairs **Sandra Durbin and Kay Stromberg**, are planning exciting and interesting excursions for the year, including the upcoming blockbuster exhibit at the Kimbell—Art and Love in Renaissance, Italy. For our recent Wine and Cheese evening, they arranged for guest speaker Mr. Keith A. Wolfe, Managing Director and Artistic Administrator of the Ft. Worth Opera Company, who gave a very informative program on the upcoming Ft. Worth Opera Festival;
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> VP" Membership **Connie Nichols** will continue her excellent member recruiting skills and The Arts League's directory initiative;
- ❖ Treasurer **Winnie Wayne** continues to keep our financials in excellent order and we appreciate being kept on the straight and narrow;
- ❖ Behind the scenes support efforts include Arts League's Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, **Jill Danahey and Joslyn Marksbury**, along with Parliamentarian **Cheri Irwin**, the Hospitality Team of **Jean Lewis and Lynda Railsback**, and Publicist **Renova Williams**.
- ❖ We have one lady who wears many hats and no Board is complete without her. This year this very talented lady had thoughts of taking it easy but my fairy Godmother waved her magic wand and our newsletter is again in the very capable hands of **Suzanne Harrington**.
- ❖ **Kathryn Bradford** has graciously accepted the chairmanship of the Spring Garden Party, with support from Special Events team of **Colleen Meadows, Sally Nees, Karin Parsinen and Ginny Tigie**. Details on this event are included in Kathryn's article in this Newsletter.

I again have the good fortune of having a Board of Directors comprised of dedicated, talented and energetic ladies. It is evident from the Board list that our organization is again energized and will be successful.

The only way your Arts League can have a successful 2009 is for all of its members to become involved in event committees. The Board and I thank you for your help and we look forward to having you join our various committees and activities.

Most sincerely,

Evelyn H. Englert, 2009 Arts League President





*(L to R) Rosemary Riddle-Achelpohl, Winnie Wayne, Ruth Francis and Dominique Johnson.*



*Guest Anita Taraba (left) and Bonnie Kurtz*

## *Wine, Women & The Arts*

*by Connie Nichols, Vice-President—Membership*

The Arts League's second annual Wine, Women and the Arts meeting was a huge success! Fifty members and guests enjoyed wine, cheese and fruit while being treated to a delightful presentation from Keith A. Wolfe, Managing Director and Artistic Administrator of the Fort Worth Opera. Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of the upcoming Fort Worth Opera Festival, which includes three dynamic operas all in one weekend—Bizet's popular, seductive *Carmen*; a powerful, first-initiative opera by Jake Heggie, *Dead Man Walking*; and Rossini's fairy-tale based *Cinderella*.

The Fort Worth Opera remains one of the 14 oldest opera companies in the entire nation, and the oldest continuously performing opera company in Texas. If you would like more information, go to their website at [www.fwopera.org](http://www.fwopera.org).

Please welcome the following new members: **Sally Bustamante, Janet Denton, Bill Garretson, Cheri Giddens, Ellen & Jeff Kamprath, Alicia McGlinchey, Kim Otamaa, Lillian Smith, and Barbara & Scott Stoddard.**

Don't forget to pay your dues so you will continue to receive newsletters and activity information! If you are unsure if you have paid your dues for 2009, **please email me at [connienichols47@sbcglobal.net](mailto:connienichols47@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 817.577.0754.**

## *Almost Here—Garden Party!*

*by Kathryn Bradford, Garden Party Chair*

Arts League members, watch for your invitation to **The Arts League Garden Party to be held this year on Thursday, April 30.** Come enjoy a spring afternoon in the **beautiful home and garden of Terri and Kim Gill at 5409 Miramar Lane, Montclair Parc, Colleyville from 1–3 PM.** Experience beautiful music, delicious food and drink, as you watch talented artists create unique personal works of art. There will also be a chance to bid for and win wonderful gift baskets and raffle items.

The spacious screened porch, large covered cabana and patio will provide perfect spaces for our guests, artists, basket raffle and auction items. Tickets are \$25.00. This event benefits our arts programs—including the Summer Arts College Scholarships.

To maximize the monetary donations, I invite Arts League members to help by personally providing food items, silent auction items and baskets for this event! **Jean Lewis is coordinating baskets, silent auction and raffle donations. Please contact her at 817.267.6167 or email [jean@j-gewelers.com](mailto:jean@j-gewelers.com). Lynda Sanders is handling the food coordination. Please contact her at 817.430.2527 or by email: [lyndasand@aol.com](mailto:lyndasand@aol.com).**

As always, if you are unable to attend, a monetary donation or raffle ticket purchase is a great way to show your support. If you have friends, new neighbors, etc. whom you would like to receive an invitation by mail, **please send names and addresses to Joslyn Marksbury, 817.577.8855 or by email: [luvsmickey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:luvsmickey@sbcglobal.net).** Paid reservations and donations may be sent to Winnie Wayne, 1009 Lakeridge Court, Colleyville, TX 76034. Please plan to attend this special spring party with a friend or two on April 30!



*(L to R) Anna Saunders, Carolyn Rees and Martha Ragsdale*



*(L to R) Evelyn Englert, Ret Stansberger, Charlotte Davis and Elsie Gunter*

# Art Excursions, Past & Future

by Sandra Durbin & Kay Stromberg, Vice-Presidents-Programs

Our next excursion will be to the **Kimbell Art Museum on Thursday, May 21, 2009**, to see the **Art & Love in Renaissance Italy** exhibit, an illuminating and engaging look at some of the most beautiful and emotional works of art celebrating love and marriage. (note: there was a lengthy article in the Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Ft Worth Star-Telegram about this exhibit). We will meet at the Bedford Boys Ranch at 9:30 AM, car pool to the museum and see the exhibit. Lunch will follow, with arrangements to be announced.

Please **contact Sandra Durbin, 817.485.3289 (Sandra.durbin@prealty.com or Kay Stromberg, 817.485.1616 (kstromberg@sbcglobal.net)** to reserve your May 21<sup>st</sup> spot! We look forward to seeing you in May!



*Portrait of Messer Marsilio Cassotti and His Wife, Faustina, 1523, oil on canvas, 28 x 33 1/8 in. Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid*



The Arts League's March excursion to the Dallas Museum of Art was very enjoyable, where we lunched at the museum prior to touring *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* exhibit. Your Arts League secured a great discount group ticket rate, and car pooling, combined with the generous use of Dallas Museum members' parking passes, made this an affordable trip for everyone!

*Programs Co-Chair Kay Stromberg, (right) joins President Evelyn Englert in line. Evelyn made this excursion a family affair, sharing the fun with daughter Regina (left) and grandson Alex.*

*Museum Shop favorites—Shoppers! (L to R): Sandra Durbin, Renova Williams, Jill Kralicke, Connie Nichols, Kim Otamaa and Sharon Mayes.*

*Enjoying the exhibit, Barb Hammes of Wisonsin (left) and Lee Koch.*



## Unforgettable . . .

Hard to believe December is already three months past! However, the excitement of The Arts League's upcoming year cannot diminish its appreciation to **Ginny & Joe Tigie for hosting December's well-attended holiday party.** Thank you, Ginny!

Also, members, please continue to remember to keep **Colleen Meadows** in your thoughts!



*An Italian Buffet featured a festive and delicious repast!*

*Partygoers included: (L to R): Ruth Francis, Ellen & Jeff Kamprath, and Cheri Irwin*



*Holiday Party Hosts Ginny & Joe Tigie*

# Shining Stars Awards Luncheon

by Sharon Mayes, Ways & Means

Your Arts League is please to announce that it will host its **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Shining Stars Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 23, 2009, at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas. Bob Schieffer, Moderator of CBS Face the Nation and CBS News Chief Washington Correspondent** will join us as we honor outstanding women volunteers from North Tarrant County. The format will change this year in lieu of entertainment; Bob will make some brief remarks, as well as present each honoree with her award.

If you would like to serve on a committee or help with Shining Stars, please contact me at 817.267.9200 or by email: [penrosefoundation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:penrosefoundation@sbcglobal.net). The more you become involved, the more fun you will have working with and meeting some great people!

We will also have lunch after our monthly committee meetings. If your schedule does not allow you to attend the meetings, we can work around your schedule. We have a place for every talent, whatever the scope! Please consider becoming a part of this project.

Sharon Mayes, 2009 Shining Stars Chair

## 2009 Board of Directors

### Executive Committee

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| President &<br>ARTSNET Board Representative | Evelyn Englert               |
| First VP (Ways & Means)                     | Sharon Mayes                 |
| Second VPs (Programs)                       | Sandra Durbin, Kay Stromberg |
| Third VP (Membership)                       | Connie Nichols               |
| Treasurer                                   | Winnie Wayne                 |
| Recording Secretary                         | Jill Danahey                 |
| Corresponding Secretary                     | Joslyn Marksbury             |
| Parliamentarian                             | Cheri Irwin                  |

### Board Members

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Hospitality    | Jean Lewis, Lynda Railsback  |
| Special Events | Jean Lewis, Colleen Meadows<br>Sally Nees, Karin Parsinen<br>Ginny Tighe |
| Newsletter     | Suzanne Harrington   |
| Publicity      | Renova Williams  |

## Treasurer's Report

by Winnie Wayne, Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report as of March 16, 2009:** The balance in our checking account is **\$8,075.44**. The balance in the Money Market account is **\$2,691.48**. Last year's 2008 Garden Party and the 2008 Shining Stars Awards Luncheon were both very successful fundraisers. Our Arts League members should be **VERY PROUD** that through their generosity and efforts, and in addition to volunteer services, you enabled Arts League to present ARTSNET with a total of **\$48,784.68 in 2008!**

## CALENDAR

### March

**31** Tuesday  
ARTSNET Grants Breakfast  
7:30 A.M.  
Tarrant County College

### April

**6** Monday  
Arts League Board Meeting  
9:30 A.M.  
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch  
Shining Stars Meeting  
10:30 A.M.  
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch

**30** Thursday  
The Arts League Garden Party  
1-3:00 P.M.  
Home of Terri & Kim Gill  
7112 Pleasant Run Road, Colleyville  
R.s.v.p. by April 30th to  
Winnie Wayne, 817.788.5175

**26** Sunday  
Colleyville Area Chamber "City Slickers"  
5-9:00 P.M.  
Grapevine Convention Center  
[www.colleyvillechamber.org](http://www.colleyvillechamber.org)

### May

**3** Sunday  
Colleyville Garden Club  
11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.  
"Promenade—  
A Tour of Four Residential Gardens"  
\$12 in Advance; \$15 at the Door  
[www.colleyvillegardenclub.org](http://www.colleyvillegardenclub.org)

**4** Monday  
Arts League Board Meeting  
9:30 A.M.  
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch  
Shining Stars Meeting  
10:30 A.M.  
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch

**8** Friday  
Summer Santa Luncheon  
11:30 A.M.  
DFW Airport Hyatt Regency  
[www.summersanta.org](http://www.summersanta.org)

**21** Thursday  
Excursion to Kimbell Art Museum  
Art & Love in Renaissance Italy  
9:30 A.M. • Bedford Boys Ranch  
R.s.v.p to Sandra Durbin or  
Kay Stromberg

### June

**1** Monday  
Arts League Board Meeting  
9:30 A.M.  
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch  
Shining Stars Meeting  
10:30 A.M.  
ARTSNET at Bedford Boys' Ranch